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Applicants: Chartrain, M. *et al.*

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For: PROCESS FOR LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION OF
PLASMID DNA BY *E. COLI* FERMENTATION

Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2009 17, please consider the following election. Time for responding to this Office Action has been calculated to run through March 6, 2009. However, if additional time is required to enter this response, please treat this paper as a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time as required and charge Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755 the appropriate fee as a large entity.

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